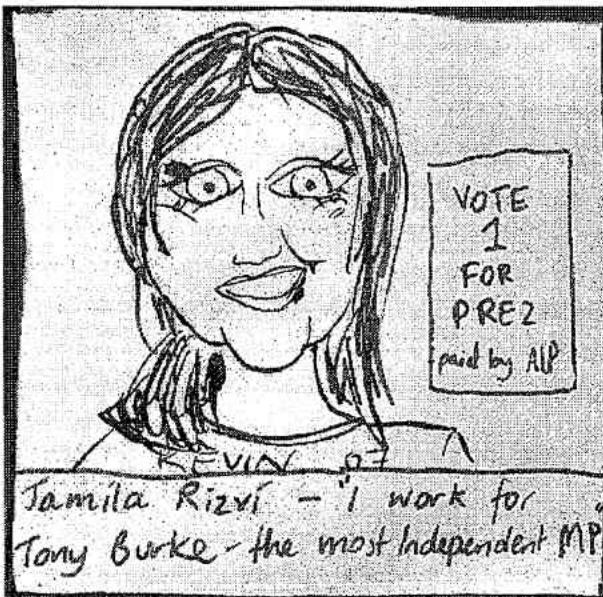


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INDEPENDENTS, WHERE THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU?



Many students involved in the ANU students' association have become increasingly troubled by the demise of a strong independent party, as this year's campaign is fought out by parties dominated by Labor right, Labor left, and the Liberals.

"While I don't oppose the involvement of these groups in elections, it upsets me that there is no independent alternative on offer," one member of the SA executive noted. And it seems a fair point.

Woroni has been given a number of reasons for the no show. Some cite the current SA executive's decision not to pick an heir, as was custom back when the Indies were in power. Others point to the huge cost of campaigning for those who don't have access to the printing allowances of a Federal MP, or a member of the family in the paper industry (we don't joke, it's helped a few into the job).

However, most troubling is the allegation that the candidate most likely to carry the Indie torch was spoken to by a very, very senior member of the Innovate team and assured that there were better ways to spend \$2,000. Well might we be disappointed.

MAN OVERBOARD

John Horan, lifetime member of the Canberra Labor Youth, was tragically killed in a brutal duel with an unidentified member of the Howard Youth late last night. A Senate Enquiry into his death will be launched next month.

John will be sorely missed by local hacks and anti-hacks alike. When asked about the impact John's death might have on the upcoming elections (in which he was to run as the LY Vice-Presidential candidate), LY Presidential candidate, Simone 'Kevin' Gubler, had the following to say: "obviously it's going to be harder getting John up now he's dead, but I think the tack we'll take is that John has simply suffered a biological death, whereas many of the other candidates in this election are dead inside."

She continued, "obviously we'll be looking to do something in John's memory, maybe we'll start a little union for him or something, and we'd like to send out our heartfelt condolences to his family, although of course, I'm sure they're quite chipper about his death, knowing as they must what a great and worthy cause he died in aid of".

According to his wishes, John will be laid to rest in the marginal electorate of Eden Monaro on Tuesday, it is hoped that the publicity the 'Funeral Spectacular' generates will help swing the seat to Labor in the upcoming Federal election.

CIGARETTE SMOKING MAN LIGHTS UP WORONI CAMPAIGN

Traditionally a low-key affair, the current stoush for the editorship of Woroni 2008 is shattering all precedent. The campaign – so far largely waged in Facebook groups – exploded when a mystery contributor began posting on the Pynt-Glover wall.

Tension first began rising over allegations that the Pynt-Glover ticket was involved in a preference deal with Innovate '08 to which Pynt replied, "Get real you stupid gimp," and then added, "(we) have preferred Innovate for '08 because they are going to keep it real." (So that would be a yes.)

However the real excitement began when the mysterious "Cigarette Smoking Man" (CSM) entered the fray and alleged that a member of the Pynt-Glover ticket had been involved with the controversial Student Association gossip column Student Watch.

"Surely no-one running for the editorship would ever think of slandering their fellow students. Would they?" CSM posed.

Former Woroni editors James Robertson and Toby Halligan (both backing the Pynt-Glover ticket) tried to calm things. Robertson assured that Pynt and Glover were not – and could not

– have been involved in the scurrilous column, and Halligan defended the work saying, “anything that contributes to debate about student politics” enjoyed his support.

But the Smoker was not allayed and countered, “SW is merely childish shitslinging thinly veiled under the banner of ‘student interest’... It’s not informative, the only view presented is that of the dipstick that writes it. How is this debate?”

But then, just as it was getting fun, the debate was over as Pynt declared, “All further posts relating to student watch will be deleted.”

As we said, this campaign is heating up.

Read the wall battle at <http://anuedu.facebook.com/group.php?gid=5130335025> and <http://anuedu.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4506245639>

CANDIDATE TREASURER TO WIN VOTES WITH GUNS

Alex Raf, the ‘Innovate for 08’ candidate for Treasurer, has declared that he is going to win votes with his “guns”. The Muscles (pictured) revealed his plan to his fellow Innovate candidates while posing for his campaign shot.

“You’re a well built guy – but there’s such a thing as modesty,” remarked the Innovate candidate for General Secretary, Mark Smyth, during the shoot. “You never saw Shobaz behave like this.”

Alex “Touch them baby, they’re real” Raf admitted to Woroni that he had been fine tuning the pair over the last few weeks with a mixture of pilates and “old-fashioned lifting.” He hopes his arm canons will attract the valuable first-year girl vote.

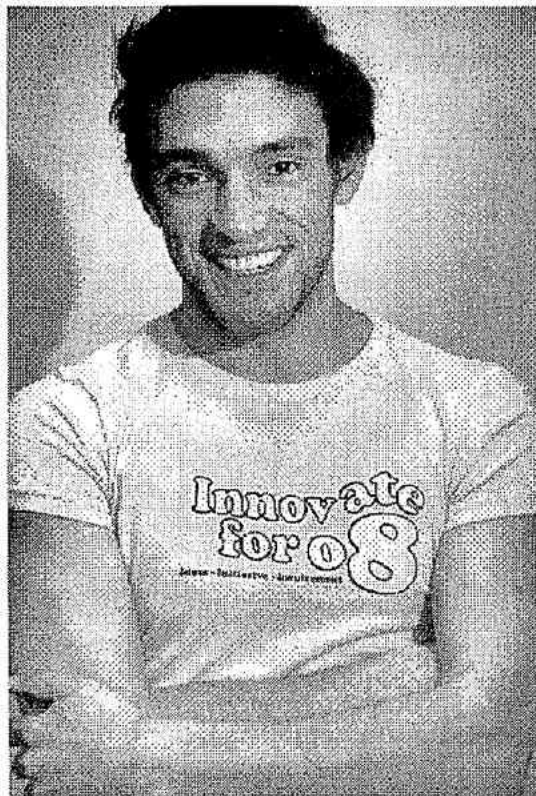
“Chicks love pistons!” he pointed out.

However the strategy has hit an unforeseen set back as the popular posters are being souvenired in unprecedented numbers.

“He’s so cute,” said first-year commerce student Nancy, “I’m going to put him on

my wall!”

Although impressed with Alex’s rippling pair, Woroni encourages voters to take into account other aspects of candidates before casting their votes – hair, eyes, policy...



A LABOR RIGHT LANDSLIDE – UNION BOARD ELECTION 07

After some initial concerns that the outgoing Chair, Shobaz Kandola, may have scuttled a well planned election campaign by daring to question the financial prudence of certain campaign pork-barrelling, the Universal Ticket (aka the Labor (right) Students Club or LSC) overcame the odds to banish the challengers – Cheers (aka the Labor Left) to electoral oblivion. For a second year in a row the LSC gained all three undergraduate positions on the Board, as well as securing the postgraduate directorship uncontested. This leaves the ANU Union (a \$5M organisation) and its resources firmly in the LSC hands, with it

now controlling all seven student-director positions. With no moderating voices left on the Board of Directors one wonders what the ANU Union will become.

In further Union news it seems, the numbers in true factional style are being done inside the LSC to see who will become the next Chair of the Board of Directors. With the retirement of Josh Gordon-Carr, Chris Steel is seen as the odds on favourite to take on the top job based on the seniority principle practiced by the right. However, rumblings from certain sections suggest that a better moderating and more talented choice might the young star of the right Emma Smith. Emma’s supporters are thin within the LSC itself, but with the new Board makeup she has gained two or possibly three votes, meaning she is close to the crucial majority needed. Insiders have suggested if the race becomes muddled Josh Gordon-Carr will be brought back to put caucus into line. What remains to be seen is how these Union shenanigans will affect the LSC backed Innovate for 08 campaign for ANUSA.

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WHAT'S ON OFFER AT THE 2008 ANU STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION?

INNOVATE FOR 08

The favourite in this year's race, Innovate is a nominally independent ticket, which is headed by a predominantly Labor Right executive.

Jamila Rizvi, candidate for President of the SA, has vast experience in student politics. She has proven herself in the field of university action on student issues as well as advocating for student rights, however her personal record as a candidate has been embarrassing with losses in her two previous attempts to secure a SA office ('04 for Social Officer and '05 for Gen Sec). She will be hoping that her muscular party, and their sea of yellow, will be able to help her end this SA losing streak.

There are some very capable candidates on Innovate's executive, particularly the candidate for General Secretary Mark Smyth, who many hoped would run his own Independent ticket this year. However other candidates, such as the Education Officer, seem to owe their endorsement less to talent and more to service to the Labor Party. It remains to be seen whether this will fly as good enough with voters.

While the Innovate ticket seems to have success guaranteed with its superior t-shirt and poster combo, it will be interesting to see whether the perceived lack of independence from the Labour party – and the mates over merit policy it practices – will inspire a backlash.

US

Where Innovate has been tarnished with the Labor right brush, Us has been painted as Labor left – and not without reason. The list of links on their Facebook sidebar, comprising "Make Howard History", "Screw WorkChoices", "When did Howard jump the shark" and "I wanna

take to the streets to protest Howard, IR, Nukes and War at APEC" makes their political preferences quite clear.

Ben Lyons, Us candidate for President of the SA, promises to be a candidate to be reckoned with after great success in the portfolio of Education Officer in 2007. Ben took office after the resignation of the previous Ed Officer mere weeks before the first National Day of Action and has proven himself capable of liaising with media and university representatives. While some have questioned the order of Jamila's priorities (what will come first, being the SA President or a Labor staffer?), Ben's loyalty to the SA cannot be doubted (see his 100% attendance record on page 7). His campaign may not match the razzmatazz of Innovate, but there is a sincerity to him that should help his party.

The abilities of some of Us's candidates for the executive are questionable (some have raised concerns about the proposed Treasurer) and they certainly lack the flair of Innovate. However some, particularly the veteran candidate for Social officer Adam Brodie-Mackenzie, compare favourably with what else is on offer.

ONE CAMPUS

The comparison that can be drawn between One Nation and One Campus seems to stop at the name, although leaked strategy papers inform us they hope for some similar protest votes. This remarkable group is drawn primarily from a group of first year ANU Young Liberals. In fact very few of these names had even been bounded around campus before the group's Facebook launch last week. While it is astounding that a group of first years are contesting an SA election they must know very little about, it is even more astounding that unlike last year they are declaring their affiliation to the widely despised ANU Liberal Club

without hesitation. You have to admire this openness, particularly in light of some of the other parties' dubious claims of independence.

Their presidential candidate Jessica Adelan is a freshman B&Ger with no SA experience and no purported ties to parliamentarians, which has left many ANU hacks squeaking, How dare she! She is an Arts/Law student, which comes as no surprise, with experience in the less politicised world of SRC. With such a limited field on offer she has some thinking, why not?

While we can't be too optimistic of their chances, we must applaud the offering of a non-Labor candidate. It's gutsy stuff guys.

The Labor Youth

As always, the 'joke' ticket offers a juxtaposition of well-known older students and complete randoms who were probably conned into running for the SA while drunk.

Fresh from directing this year's Law Revue, Simone Gubler heads off the ticket with well-known jokester John Horan at her side as the VP candidate. Other names to look out for are those of Sophie Blix, a former Ursies head girl, the ubiquitous Yi Hua Lu and Matt Baillie, Simone's fellow law revue director.

The biting theme of this year's ticket is Labor Youth, and the main plan of attack seems to be to give the hacks grief. What could be cuter than claiming to be the Labor Party ticket in an election where the genuine Labor kids have chosen to hide under the safe mantle of independence? Joke ticketers don't get elected as a general rule but can swing a decent swag of votes – often winning favour as the donkey voter's destination of choice.

EDITORIAL

Voting sensibly in the ANU Students' Association election can be hard with all the panic surrounding the political allegiances of the various parties and the inability of many candidates to explain what they are actually standing for. This year has seen the problem of partisanship reach news heights – or lows – as the Labor right and what would have been the Independents have merged into the formidable force of Innovate – great for those who made the ticket, but disappointing for those who prefer choice rather than lots and lots of yellow paper. More than any SA election in the last decade, ANU students' have good reason to question the real interests of many of those running for office, and to feel let down by the political process that created this mess – but more on this in issues to come. For now let's focus of choosing the best of what's on offer.

The considered voter will find that there are some talented candidates in the field. We hope that you will take the time to find them: read their statements, ask them questions in the Union court, and check out their Facebook groups (which in most cases are very helpful). Make sure you pay some attention to the fascinating contest for Woroni editorship in 2008 (see p.6), and also spend some time considering the Collectives. Whether they should be protected from outside candidates has cause quite the fuss in the strange world of the SA (more on this at www.woroni.com). And if you are voting for the Fac Rep for Economics and Commerce or Engineering and IT, please read the campaign statements for the Independent candidates, also online. They are not in this issue not because they're lazy, but because we couldn't get their details - sorry to Vijay Nadagiri (Eco and Com) and Maelyn Koo (Eng and IT).

To finish, an apology: We certainly could have done a better job of keeping this year's SA accountable. We have published little content on them, telling ourselves students weren't interested – and what we have published has been bitchy and unhelpful. This issue – although perhaps too little too late – is our way of saying sorry. We hope it makes sensible voting a little easier.

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KEEP IN MIND

I know that elections can leave you feeling very disillusioned with the Students' Association, jaded by the allegedly self-interested student politicians who appear to be trying to fill their own CVs. Although the more cynical of you might argue that I fall within that very same category, in this election issue of Woroni I want to send two very important messages. The first is that your vote is important. The second is that the people who are trying to persuade you to cast that vote in one way or another are important too – and they're not bad people!

Why should I vote?

The argument for voting used to revolve around the fact that students contributed funds towards ANUSA by way of a compulsory GSF payment and should therefore have some say as to who managed those funds. Obviously, now that VSU has taken effect, that argument is not as strong. However, ANUSA does still have \$283,000 of students' money and it's important that this money is managed in a responsible way. If ANUSA funds are mismanaged, the university may well decide not to provide such funds in future years. By taking a bit of time to consider the ANUSA candidates and casting a vote for a responsible team, you can help to ensure that vital ANUSA services remain funded.

Voting also ensures that you can choose the direction and stance your student representatives take in relation to a vast array of educational issues. All tickets in the election will have policy

booklets with their ideas, but it is important that you share yours with them as well. Voting allows you to select candidates whose ideas you value.

Why are the candidates so annoying?

Election candidates have a very bad reputation for approaching you in Union Court, thrusting pieces of paper into your hand, telling you how good they are, and then marching you to the ballot box. I can understand why this might seem frustrating or annoying. Please remember, though, that these candidates are essentially dedicating a week of their lives to this election, in order to ask you to allow them to dedicate the next year of their lives to a volunteer organisation. Candidates aren't asking you to elect them to a glory-filled, lucrative position. Certainly, participation within ANUSA is rewarding, but only for the elected representatives who volunteer hours and hours of their time to projects benefiting students. During election week, even when you are tired and grumpy and sick to death of student politicians, keep in mind that student politicians aren't bad people, they are actually just asking you to let them work for students!

Even if you decide not to vote this year, please take time to speak to candidates about the issues that are important to you, and the things on campus that you want changed. Elections should be a two-way process, a dialogue between candidates and their constituents.

The ANU has historically boasted a higher voter turn-out than any other campus in the country. Let's ensure that this proud tradition continues.

By Claudia Newman-Martin, your current President

ELECTIONS ELECTIONS ELECTIONS!

By Shobaz Kandola

The air is crisp. Fluorescent clad, slogan bearing, leaflet waving hordes are about to descend upon Union Court with promises of prosperity and opulence, promises that if elected will undoubtedly be "parsed" into 'core' and 'non-core' promises. It must of course be election time, when later year students implement well practiced plans to duck and weave through Union Court, leaving first years to the mercies of the seasoned campaigners strategically placed by each ticket in attempt to vote grab.

Yet, as I shudder, at the prospect of having to dash through Union Court without getting waylaid by these well meaning candidates, I ponder if I am not the worse for not stopping and listening to find out what plans each group has for the future of ANUSA. But then, I realise that to do so will inevitably mean not getting anything of substance but receiving the well honed thirty second sound bite straight from the cunningly crafted campaign manual: a thirty second of seeming to answer but really not answering which Kevin07 would be proud of. The issues of importance which the campaign will come down to will not be a contest of ideas about furthering the Students' Association as it should, but rather about the political affiliation of each ticket. Does it really matter that Jamila Rizvi is the convenor of the Labor Right or that she works for federal Labor

frontbencher or that Ben Lyons is member of the Labor Left faction, or even that Jess Adelan has had photos taken with Peter Costello? The answer I hope many will conclude is no. What should be important is that individuals seeking to be leaders of the SA are committed and believe in the organisation. That they are willing to stand up and lead and not let the ANU be used strategically in any national student political chess game or be influenced by outsiders.

The issue of importance in this election, and the one I hope every student will ask about, is finances. Of course some will say I would place finances at the core, given that I am the Treasurer, but in reality for all the changes or new initiatives promised, the ability to deliver will depend on the necessary costing.

The current financial position of ANUSA while being good is not ideal. We receive some funding from the University, but this money is tied to areas that they feel are important, leaving other areas, most notably clubs and societies, unfunded. We are able to fund clubs and societies at the current rate through a strategic decision by the executive to dip into some of last year's surplus, in a hope that these costs will be offset through sponsorship. Unfortunately, sponsorship has not materialised, and not for a lack of trying. ANUSA has to date raised approximately \$60,000 dollars, but most of this has been event based, covering the costs of things such as Woroni, O week and Bush Week, with very few business interested in clubs and societies.

Thus the question for Innovate, US or One Campus [*Ed- and Labor Youth!*] is simple, will you continue to fund clubs and societies, and if yes, how? If the tickets offer the solution that they will seek money from the University or seek sponsorship don't be fooled. The current executive has spent considerable time on

both avenues with no avail.

If funding for Clubs and Societies is to be maintained at the current level, then it can only occur through one of two options. Firstly through dipping into the small strategic reserves which ANUSA has, a financially unsustainable solution or through making savings in other areas getting rid of the second bookshop, the legal officer, the welfare officer, Woroni or the departments? All tickets should be open and upfront about where the funds are going to be found with regards to initiatives or where savings are going to be made.

ANUSA has made considerable costs savings this year, and there are few areas where costs can be reduced – we operate on a lean budget. Any incoming executive has to be aware that there is no room for lavish promises.

The tickets must be open and upfront about their finances, and all executive candidates must have a grasp upon the financial position. If the social officer fails to raise enough funding to cover costs for O week the cost burden could blow the budget out. If the General Secretary or the Vice President fails to keep in check costs associated with running of ANUSA, the resulting burden will impact other projects.

While reducing an election to accounts and ledgers, surplus and deficits, is not my idea of fun, it is important that finances are placed front and centre, if for no other reason than to keep voters fully informed. So if like me you're planning to duck and weave through Union Court, stop for thirty seconds and ask no other question than on funding, you will be fully informed on whether the ticket can deliver on all their promises!

-Shobaz is the current Treasurer of ANUSA

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THE NEW YORKER OR THE SUN: WORONI IN 2008

By Will Glasgow

These are exciting times for those of us interested in Woroni. Dare I say it, this little magazine may be about to experience one of its greatest overhauls in its nearly sixty year history – more significant than the introduction of colour in '82, the move to magazine form in '04, and the great stationary fiasco of '79. Or it may not. And, as the ACT electoral commission has informed us, its future is entirely in your hands.

The election of Woroni's editors is traditionally a low-key affair. Some years the editors get the job uncontested; however, most of the time a fairly discreet election takes place. Last year the two teams (maturely, I like to think) keep campaigning to a minimum: a few posters were put up giving voters the choice to either "Go with the 'Quo", or vote for the guys promising that they "could catch a monkey." (The monkeys won in a narrow victory.)

This year's contest could hardly be more different. The race for the position in 2008 pits the Tully Fletcher-Robert Wiblin ticket against the Benjamin Pynt-Dan Glover one. As is the norm these tech-savvy days, both have launched their campaigns online with Facebook campaigns (at the time of writing Fletcher-Wiblin have 132 group members and Pynt-Glover 182 – make of this what you will). Normally campaigns for the office don't receive much attention in

these pages; but, as a cursory look at the respective Facebook pages reveals, this contest is more interesting than most.

Fletcher-Wiblin ("A Woroni Worth Reading") have positioned themselves as the candidates for change. By change I don't mean just a little tweak of typeface or the adding of a sports-page (although they do promise both); these guys are promising a complete overhaul of the way Woroni is run. They propose to put the magazine out fortnightly ("Seven each semester," Tully has confirmed), return to a simpler format with reduced colour, keep the magazine online (that's right, we got there first!), and, most brazenly, to pay contributors. What what what? you are no doubt sputtering. Yes, you heard right – they are going to pay their writers! So far, using their proposed \$10 per 100 words system, I would have netted myself a tidy \$37. Like I said, this is an exciting election for anyone involved in this magazine.

But is it feasible? I have to say that the idea of putting Woroni out fortnightly has me wincing in vicarious pain. However, both Fletcher and Wiblin have assured that they will only be taking three subjects next year (the current editors are both doing a full-load) and will be increasing the role of sub-editors, who, along with writers, will be paid for their work. They speak confidently of the shift – Tully saying, "We haven't promised more than we think we're capable of delivering." And you have to admit that they do seem like can-do men. Robert is the current President of the ANU Zero Emissions Society with, he assures, a "record of action", and Tully was a sub-editor (a founding one no less) of "successful Victorian regional newspaper" The Current. Like I said, they're can-do types. But what of the extra money needed to meet their promise of payment for contributors? They believe savings from the move to black and white and an increased focus on sponsorship will cover

the costs. Fair enough.

Pynt-Glover ("You Beautayyyy!!!!"), although by no means without plans for change, offer a more familiar vision of Woroni. Pynt, a Woroni stalwart who has been the most active contributor to the magazine over the past two years, and Glover, who lives at college and enjoys drinking and sport, are keen to differentiate themselves from their New Yorker-loving opponents. Their influences? "The Die Hard series, the collected works of Kool and the Gang, the Financial Review and the Biggles books."

As mentioned, their vision is not one that will stray greatly from the '06 and '07 magazines. "We want to keep it a colourful mag rather than a newspaper... It should be able to catch your attention and interest even when you've only got 5-minutes to flip through it," Glover said. They also oppose the Tully-Wiblin scheme to pay contributors being confident in their ability to attract quality content without offering money.

One notable proposal by the pair is to exchange content with other Australian university magazines. "We think that by improving ties with reputable student magazines from around the country such as Honi Soit and Lot's Wife, that we can get some great new talent coverage and bring up the standard and variety of the magazine..." says Pynt.

Student Association elections are often criticised for the lack of choice on offer, and often these cries of "there'll all the same!" are well founded – but not in this race. The election of the editors for Woroni in 2008 is the best sort of contest: one with a clear choice between two markedly different visions of the magazine. Which would you prefer?

Will Glasgow is one of the current Woroni editors

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THE ATTENDANCE OF ANUSA MEMBERS IN 2007

Position		Attended	Apologies Received	No Apologies Received
President	Claudia Newman-Martin	91%	9%	0%
Vice President	Anna Verney	83%	8%	8%
Treasurer	Shobaz Kandola	100%	0%	0%
General Secretary	Des Ko	91%	9%	0%
Social Officer	Helen Zhang	75%	25%	0%
<i>Department Officers</i>				
Sexuality	Nathan Pitman	62%	38%	0%
Womens	Maria Koleth	62%	38%	0%
Environment	Simon Copland	75%	25%	0%
Education	Ben Lyons	100%	0%	0%
Indigenous	Nicci Ella	37%	37%	25%
Disabilities	Rishi Gulati	37%	37%	25%
International	Winnie Cheung	100%	0%	0%
Woroni	Will Glasgow and Pete Davis	100%	0%	0%
General Representative	Emma Smith	50%	25%	25%
General Representative	Mark Smyth	75%	12%	12%
General Representative	Sarah Lynch	100%	0%	0%
General Representative	Ben Pynt	75%	12%	12%
General Representative	Alex Rafalowicz	75%	25%	0%
General Representative	Madeliene Firth	87%	13%	0%
General Representative	Turtle van Meurs	0%	13%	87%
General Representative	Michael Galluzzo	25%	37%	37%
General Representative	Mathew Byrne	100%	0%	0%
General Representative	Miriam Dunn	100%	0%	0%
General Representative	Yongjie Qi	25%	75%	0%
General Representative	Genevieve Auid	100%	0%	0%
General Representative	Elinor Jean	37%	50%	12%
General Representative	Michael Jones	25%	62%	12%
<i>Faculty Reps</i>				
Arts Fac Rep	Anya Aidman	50%	50%	0%
Asian Studies	Ben Archer	50%	37%	12%
Asian Studies	Hiroshi Noda	100%	0%	0%
Economics	James Battmans	25%	63%	12%
Engineering and IT	Brenan Hogan	25%	25%	50%
Engineering and IT	Francisco Silva	37%	25%	37%
Law	Ursula Gwynn	50%	0%	50%
Science	Jessica Spiling	75%	12%	12%
Science	Pheobe Moore	37%	50%	12%

PRESIDENTIAL



Getting to know Ben Lyons

Why would you make a good SA President?

I'm a passionate and committed individual who believes in the importance of Student Unionism and wishes to end the insular cliquey nature of ANUSA, making the Students' Association more inclusive, more responsive to students and more representative. I will not be afraid to stand up on behalf of students and will be an honest, outspoken and fearless advocate on their behalf. I want to create an ANUSA that is for all of us.

Why do you think the SA is important?

It is the peak representative and advocacy body for undergraduate students at the ANU. ANUSA campaigns on the behalf of students to ensure that they have equitable access to a high quality university education. It assists with appeals when things go wrong and advocates on behalf of individual students to ensure they are treated fairly by the university. It provides services and welfare support to students. Finally ANUSA is at the social heart of the university, organizing O-Week, Bush Week, and a whole lot of other social events that build a sense of community and ensure that people enjoy their university experience.

If elected, what are your plans for 2008?

If elected I intend to treat the presidency as a full-time position. The president is the chief representative and advocate for

ANU students and have the opportunity to make a real difference. Students deserve a president who is passionate about higher education and who will be a committed spokesperson and advocate for all of us. I intend to make myself available to students, keeping regular office hours as well as getting out and promoting ANUSA and the important role it plays.

Do you believe that students are getting a decent choice in the upcoming elections?

As the only progressive candidate for the presidency I think my vision and that of my ticket, Us, differs considerably from that being offered by the other candidates. Us is first and foremost a reform ticket. In the post-VSU environment ANUSA needs considerable reinvention if it is to survive. This doesn't mean slashing and burning services but instead means we must find new ways to stay relevant to students while maintaining the services we already offer.

Will you maintain the current level of services and if not what will you change?

Us is committed to maintaining the services already offered and further promoting them, to make students aware of their existence. We also plan to initiate partnerships with community organizations and welfare providers so that instead of replicating pre-existing services ANUSA will become a gateway to them. Maiy Azize, our candidate for Vice-President is already having discussions with some of these services.

Will you keep the current level of C&S (Clubs and Societies) funding?

We intend to at the very least keep current levels of C&S funding and if possible increase them. Us plans to engage in a concerted effort to find sponsors, combined with other fundraising ventures. We will also lobby extensively to ensure that the University recognizes the importance of C&S and provides funding for them. The Us candidate for Social Officer, Adam Brodie-McKenzie, knows how to run awesome student events at a profit and will run O-Week and Bush-Week profitably. Funds raised will be put back into Clubs and Societies in order to foster community at ANU. Us will

also create an elected Fundraising Officer position, modeled on that of Student Diary Editor; they will be rewarded for their efforts through commission.

Do you believe that ANUSA should maintain its ethical investment guidelines?

ANUSA must maintain best practice with regards to ethical investment. Us will maintain the ethical investment guidelines.

Do you believe that ANUSA should charge students for its services?

It's important that ANUSA offer its services to all students and for this reason Us will oppose any move to introduce a membership fee. The Association cannot claim to represent all students if it excludes any of them from membership.

Why do you want to thwart democracy by not running for any of the Collectives?

We are, in fact, the only ticket supporting the collective's democratic processes. By supporting the collective endorsed officers we are supporting people who have worked hard within the departments, who have a thorough grasp of the issues particular to that department, who were elected by students and who are best able to run the department next year.

As the ANUSA Education officer you instigated policy contrary to the wishes of the SRC. If elected President, would you ignore the SRC?

There is a very clear difference here. The Education Department, which the Education Officer represents is not bound by SRC and was in fact constitutionally set up in such a way as to protect its autonomy. The Education Officer is responsible to the Education Collective, of which all students are members and welcome to attend. The President on the other hand is bound by SRC motions and I would always act in accordance with the SRC's wishes.

Where has funding come from for your campaign?

All members of Us have contributed an towards the campaign expenses. Printing is mostly being done privately to reduce costs, where receipts are available I'm happy to make them public.

INTERVIEWS

Getting to know Jess Adelan

First up, the One Campus name: a good joke or bad taste?

I think it is highly appropriate as we are encouraging unity on campus. It is actually a very clever joke especially with me as the presidential candidate

Why would you make a good SA President?

I know that I will make a good SA President because I actually care about representing students and being the person who will stand up for them and voice their concerns. As a first year, I think this is a major advantage for me as I have not been 'tainted' by student politics and my intentions are sincerely genuine. Also as a President in my second year it will mean that I can commit more of myself to the role as second year is not as demanding as say one's penultimate or final year.

Why do you think the SA is important?

The SA is important to ensure that students continue to have a say of what goes on at their university. If the university had no students then what would be the point? Universities exist because of students thus it is imperative that we, as students vocalise what we want to ensure that this remains this way.

If you get the gig what are your plans for 2008?

The first thing I would do would be to personally advertise the Loyalty Card - that thing is awesome especially if you are forever spending your free time at Caterinas. No jokes aside, I will want to look at the SA budget and try to determine areas where we can cut back on spending or improve on so that we can give more money to the departments, associations, clubs and improve the services we already provide to students. This means a thorough assessment of the SA's income and expenditure. For 2008 I would like to support the departments in finding and developing fundraising ventures so they can increase their funds, I also would like to seek other alternate sources of income to hopefully render the budget into a healthier

shape.

Are you not inexperienced to run for president given that you have only been at the ANU for just over 6 months?

I don't think I am inexperienced at all to run or hold the position of President. One could actually argue that being a first year is actually beneficial as I haven't been involved in the ANU student politics game and am running because I actually care about representing the student body rather trying to push a political agenda. I also think that as a second year President that I will be able to dedicate more time to my role as I am only at the beginning of my degree (if I screw up my degree at least I have a lot of time to make it up). Another reason why I think that by being President in my second year has advantages is because at least I could act as a link between the new first years and then the later years.

Why should people vote Liberals into the SA? Should we be worried that if elected you would you get all Trojan horse on our arses?

Firstly I must say - oh the vivid imagery! I am not going to speak on why people should vote Liberals into the SA, I think what requires more thought is why they should vote One Campus into the SA. I think to equate a vote of One Campus with that to a vote for the Liberals is misleading. That would be politicising the SA (something I know people are sick of). What I know is that if people choose to vote for me, it is because they believe that I am the most capable and most suitable person for the job not because I am Liberal. Students should not be worried about a Liberal presence on the SA, what they should be worried of is not having any choice and not having an alternative. This year One Campus is that alternative.

Can you categorically guarantee that all departments within ANUSA will be kept as departments, i.e. that no departments will be abolished?



It is not in line with my views to abolish any departments. I think they play an important role in campus life and personally I think they all do a great job of raising awareness for their particular causes and representing the interests of their membership.

Do you believe that ANUSA should charge students for its services, i.e. introduce a membership? Explain why you support or oppose the idea.

I don't think that students should be charged for some of the services provided by the SA. The idea of a membership is a good idea however its success would highly depend on how much they were charged and if the benefits far exceed the amount paid. I think it has potential to be a good idea as it could prove to be an alternate source of income for the SA, and will help to alleviate the budget deficits.

Will you maintain the current level of services and if not what will you change?

I will say that I do not want to see decrease in the current level of services - if it is financially viable to sustain an increase then this will be considered however the primary concern of the SA will be to ensure that the budget is not running as much of a deficit

PRESIDENTIAL



Getting to know Jamila Rizvi

Why would you make a good SA President?

The million dollar question right? I think I'd make a good President because I'm passionate about the ANU Students Association. I've been involved with ANUSA since I started uni in a range of roles including O-Week Director and Clubs and Societies Officer. I've also been involved with university representation on a national level, through being ACT Branch President of NUS. I think ANUSA is entering a pivotal moment in its existence. VSU means that we need to make changes and to justify why the university administration should continue to fund ANUSA. I think given my experience with universities all over the country, I am well equipped to help guide ANUSA during this phase.

Why do you think the SA is important?

Half of the work the SA does isn't stuff you plan on needing. Students don't come to university expecting to need an emergency loan or thinking they might need access to free legal advice or help appealing a mark. None of this is planned but ANUSA is there when it happens and allows students to access these essential services at no cost. The other half is in no way essential to being at university – not if you're happy to just attend lectures and tutes and get

out of here. But if you want the university experience, if you want to look back and say these were the best years of your life – then clubs and societies, great O-weeks, Woroni – these are fundamentally important.

If elected, what are your plans for 2008?

I have heaps of plans and I'd encourage people to check out Innovate for 08s policy booklet to find out a lot. But what I see is most important is funding. The ANU is one of the only universities that is being funded by the administration post the introduction of VSU. This is a gift and we need to stop assuming that funding will be there forever. ANUSA can survive and thrive even without compulsory student unionism by using this 'leg up' to start making plans for the future. If elected President I want to explore alternative funding to ensure that ANUSA is bigger and better in the years to come but also to make sure ANUSA simply exists in the years to come.

There's been a lot of controversy about your decision to contest all the collectives. Could you explain that decision?

Sure. I believe that it's a great shame that while I've been at university nobody has contested the positions of enviro, sexuality or womens officer other than the joke ticket. This year, no matter who wins – they will have a real mandate in 2008. The candidates Innovate for 08 is running for these positions are passionate students who love being involved in their particular area. I think, unlike some collective endorsed candidates the Innovate for 08 candidates represent the majority of students. Take our women's officer Sarah Sloan who is involved with free women's legal services and women's shelter yet never previously knew the women's department existed. ANUSA needs to be relevant for all students – I don't think the collective endorsed candidates should be scared of a little competition. If anything it will lift the profile of the departments on campus! Can I take this chance to also kill a few rumours started by our opposition. Innovate for 08 is not intending to abolish departments. We commit to at least

continue their funding at current levels, if not increase it, if elected.

Isn't your bid for the Presidency really a bid by the Labor Right on campus to assert dominance and to take over all forms of Student representation on campus?

Okay – no. I am a member of the Labor Party and refuse to deny it or be made to feel ashamed of it. But over 80% of the Innovate for 08 candidates are not members of any political party and those that are, are members of a range of parties and factions. I have never told anyone on my team how to vote and never will. They will vote according to their own consciences and beliefs. As for myself what do you think I'll do? Call Kevin Rudd for advice on where the wheelie bins should go in Union Court? My politics broadly inform my pragmatic, financial focused views on the students association but other than that I don't think they're that relevant... Furthermore, if elected President of ANUSA I will resign my paid position with the Labor Party. I intend to devote 100% to this role and treat it, as it was designed, as a full time job.

Will you maintain the current level of services and if not what will you change?

I think 'services' is a very broad term so no I won't make a commitment to say nothing will change. I hope that by seeking external methods of funding and I'd be able to deliver increased funding for most services. I'd start by investing the SA reserves which are currently sitting in a bank account earning very little interest!

Do you believe that ANUSA should maintain its ethical investment guidelines and if not why not?

Ethical investment. Two words used a lot in student politics! I think ANUSA needs to review all of its current funding arrangements because we're operating in a totally new climate. We have lost the majority of our funding and are lucky in the fact we are getting anything from the uni administration at the moment. I don't think we should be buying poker machines or getting Sensations to sponsor the womens department if that's what you mean.

INTERVIEWS

Getting to know Simone 'Kevin' Gubler

Why would you make a good SA President?
Well, I don't want to be the President of South Australia, and as far as I understand it, they don't have a President down there. Aren't they just a bunch of ***** anarchists? But seriously, I'd love to be the President of South Australia. It's a lovely place.

Why do you think the SA is important?
Well, if it wasn't there there'd be a big gap in the bottom of Australia, and we'd have to go through the Northern Territory to get Perth, and it's even more full of *****. Of course, this would give us a fine reason to cast Western Australia into the sea, but then Brian Burke would have to live on the east coast, and that's probably not the best option for Kevin.

If you secure the presidency, what will you do with it? What are your plans for 2008?
This is a fine question. The first thing we'd do would be to unify the Labor Party on Campus. To do this it would be necessary to ban the words "left" and "right" which would render the current Road Ready program obsolete. Everyone would need to re-take the program, using Kevin's new terminology "Green-side" (obviously the left) and "Nationals-side" (clearly the right). There might be some confusion between N standing for "Nationals-side" or North, but we're willing to make that sacrifice for unity.

There's been a lot of controversy about your decision to contest all the collectives. Could you explain that decision?
Well, the collectives are not the Labor Party, or at least not explicitly so, so we're obliged by Party Doctrine to fight them tooth and nail.

A lot of people have asked if you are independent or just lackeys of the Labor Party?
Look we don't see any reason as to why we can't be both. Many people have multiple attributes, for example Pamela Anderson is a blonde and has breasts, likewise cows go

moo and eat grass. You see my argument of course.

Yes, quite, but what is it about being in the Labor Party that lends itself to independence?
Well, we're given explicit scope by Kevin to exercise complete independence within the bounds of Labor policy. Inasmuch as the Labor Party dictates what we do, we're members of the Labor Party, inasmuch as we choose to do those things of our own free will we're independent.

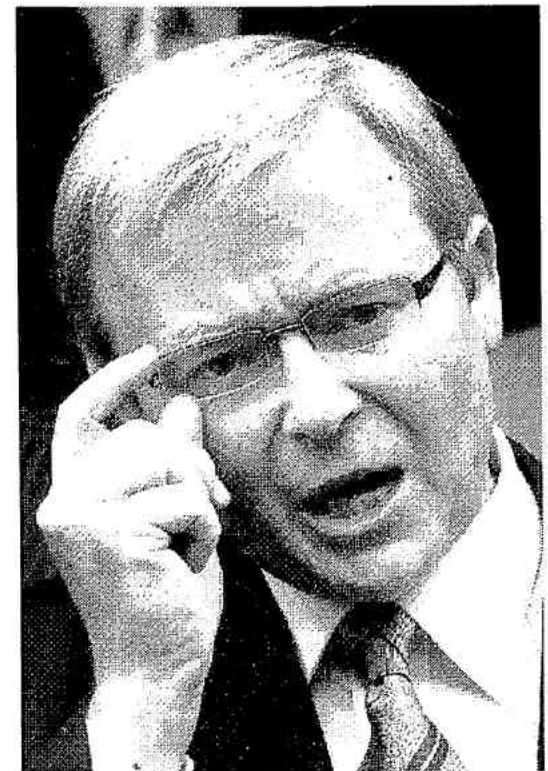
Isn't your bid for the Presidency really a bid by the Labor Party on campus to assert dominance and to take over all forms of Student representation on campus?
Yes. Yes it is.

Will you maintain the current level of services and if not what will you change?
We won't cut any services but we will unionise all of them, we are particularly concerned about the AWAs the Association toilets are currently subject to.

Will you keep the current level of C&S funding?
NO. Some of this money needs to be diverted to more important initiatives such as Kevin for 07. Once Kevin is elected he can provide the ANU with all the services it needs and unprecedented federal clout.

What services exactly will you cut?
Like we said, we aren't keen on cutting services. It's far more politically expedient to underfund them so that they exist in name only. One change we'd like to make to the way things were run this year would be to fire the President's shoe-shine boy. His failure to join the shoe-shiners' union displeases Kevin.

Can you categorically guarantee that all departments within ANUSA will be kept as departments, i.e. that no departments will be abolished?
No, we would like to abolish the Sexuality



Department. Kevin is asexual and does not approve of sexuality in others.

Do you believe that some form of VSU should be brought back?
What? This question is stupid, brought back from where? Is this some kind of zombie movie?

Do you believe that ANUSA should maintain its ethical investment guidelines and if not why not?
We are unable to comment at this stage, rest assured that a think-tank based in Paul Keating's pig farm, and chaired by Brian Burke, is looking for the most ethical solution.

Do you believe that ANUSA should charge students for its services, i.e. introduce a membership? Explain why you support or oppose the idea.
We'd love to charge students, included in the price of membership will be a free membership to the Labor Party and CFMEU.

Any final words?
KEVIN FOR '07!!!! WOOOOOOO!!!!
No, but seriously, vote LY. We're the only party that isn't a complete and utter joke.

[Ed- this article has been somewhat edited]

PRESIDENT

Ben Lyons -Us Candidate

I'm Ben Lyons, a fourth year History/Law student. I'm running for President with Us because I believe a strong Students' Association is essential as an advocate, a service provider and in fostering a sense of community. To remain effective though, ANUSA must reinvent itself to become more representative, relevant and responsive to all students. Us will safeguard existing services, seek to make ANUSA financially independent in order to maintain student control of student services and will act with transparency and accountability. As the chief representative of and advocate for ANU students, and as a member of the University Council, the President of ANUSA plays a vital role. It is a full time position and I am passionate and enthusiastic about giving it the time and effort it deserves. I am dedicated to being an honest, forthright and fearless spokesperson for all of us.

Jessica Adelan – One Campus

Originally from Melbourne, I am studying Arts/Law and am a B&G resident. I have fresh ideas and I will be able to bring a different perspective to the S.A. One idea that I am passionate about is trying to encourage the ANU community to take a stand against academic bias. This is necessary to ensure that students receive a truly liberal education. Students should be free to express their opinions and beliefs in an academic context and should not have to fear how this will affect their transcripts. One of my key objectives will be to work together with the teaching staff and students to try to devise an appeals system that will prove to be harsh on any suspected forms of academic bias. No-one should be punished for what they believe in.

As President, I will fight for and represent every student and I will ensure that the students' voice is never silenced.

Jamila Rizvi - Innovate 08

My name's Jamila Rizvi and I'm a fourth year Commerce/Law student and am running for President with Innovate for 08. I've been involved with the ANU Students' Association since the end of my first year when I ran and was elected as Orientation Week Director. Since then I've served as Clubs and Societies representative and ACT NUS President and have realised just how important the work of a students' association is. However one thing that's always bothered me is just how insular ANUSA is. For such an important body which performs essential functions – not many students know what it is or what it does. If elected as President my major aim will be to make ANUSA relevant to all students. I also intend to treat the role of President as a full time job because I believe students are entitled to that level of dedication from their elected office bearers.

Simone Gubler - Labor Youth

Hi, I'm Simone and I'm exactly what Kevin Rudd would be like if he were a woman. The problem with campus politics is that there isn't a strong partisan voice to ensure that things get done properly. Thankfully, this year, the Labor Youth are providing students with the opportunity to elect their favourite state and federal Labor governments to the Students' Association. This is not a political ticket, it is an independent ticket staffed only by members of the Labor Party. We call this "nuanced independence" and liken it to the bold new brand of "Iraqi democracy". With our unique combination of Labor party hacks and notional "independence" the Labor Youth are ideally suited to representing ANU students. If elected, we will cater to your every whim, as long as it is Kevin's whim: so if you want it and Kevin wants it, we will make it a reality.

VICE PRESIDENT

Maiy Azize - Us Candidate

Hi, I'm Maiy Azize, a fourth year political science/law student and the Us candidate for Vice President. Student politics shouldn't be about networking and resume building, it's about representing your classmates and contributing to the student community. I'm committed to student welfare and advocacy, and understand the complex issues facing ANU students. Housing, student poverty, time management and work commitments are all issues I'm prepared to deal with as VP. Importantly, I'll have the time to listen to your concerns and the organisation to follow through with action. I'm a fun, friendly and very approachable person who doesn't take herself too seriously. Vote for me as part of a committed, energised team for 2008!

Madeleine Firth – Innovate 08

Hi, my name is Madeleine Firth, I am a second year Arts/Asian Studies student and Innovate's candidate for Vice President for 2008. When I decided to run as VP, I was met with one question from friends, enemies and strangers alike; "Why on earth would you want to do a thing like that?" And, given the long hours and little recognition the job brings, it was a valid question. So what are my motives? Well, having been a gen-rep, O Week and Bush Week director this year, I have seen the amazing potential the Student's Association has. However I have been frustrated by my ability to help ANUSA met this potential. As VP, I think I will better be able to make ANUSA more relevant to all students on campus. Furthermore, I have huge amounts of faith in the other people on the Innovate ticket. We are a great team, and will do our best to make ANUSA all it can be. Labor Youth – John:

GENERAL SECRETARY

John Horan - Labor Youth

You might be thinking "The Labor Party has no policies relevant to ANU student life, or indeed, any kind of interest in student politics at all, so why should I vote for this Labor Youth bunch"? While your concerns may make sense, do not forget that at least we're not John Howard. Not only is John Howard old, bald and obviously a robot, he's also not Kevin. If you vote for us, you are voting for Kevin and also for not-John-Howard. I have the necessary experience in photocopying and providing discrete oral sex to important party officials to ensure that the ANU gets proper representation at the state and federal level. Vote 1 Labor Youth, and let us do your degrading grovelling for you.

Duncan McDonald - One Campus

Graduating in 2005 I studied Economics/Arts at UNSW. Horrified at the apathetic nature of the student body there I decided to return to Canberra and began at ANU this year. While I'm encouraged by the levels of enthusiasm and affection student hold towards the university, I am disheartened by the great number of students who are simply not encouraged to contribute. It is these forgotten people, to whom university is no more than a place of learning. The student politicians have their clubs, the sportsmen their teams, but the silent majority, those who hold no great passion except to have fun remain unheard. I will represent those silent ones, those who believe it is a travesty we have no pool and those who believe international students receive inadequate language support. I will represent those who believe it is crime that women on campus have their Women's officer whilst we men remain without a voice!

Michael Galluzzo - Us Candidate

I'm Michael Galluzzo, a third year Linguistics and Indigenous Studies/Law student and the Us candidate for General Secretary. I will be responsible for the internal organisation of ANUSA and should be the first point of call on all things ANUSA. General Secretary should not be caught up in student politics and should be, at least, the one person who is neutral enough to ensure equality in the administration of ANUSA. I am absolutely committed to being that person in 2008. I am committed to making ANUSA accessible to all, ensuring it is accountable to students and that it is visible on campus. Too many times have I been asked 'Where/What is ANUSA?' ANUSA needs to be creating a community within the university, and I am committed to ensuring ANUSA's organisation behind the scenes for this to occur. I will be working to put all of Us (the students) back into ANUSA!

Angus Trappitts One Campus

Hi Everyone my name is Angus Trappitt and I am running for the position of General Secretary as part of the One-Campus party. I just wanted to say a briefly that I promise to uphold this position to the best of my ability; diligently taking and recording minutes of all meetings, interpreting the constitution of the ANUSA faithfully, and being an approachable member of the Association that anyone can come and speak to - no matter who you are!

The issue closest to my heart on our party policy is the subject of internet at the residential colleges. I am sure that when I say this that no one would disagree - in short it's appalling! I promise to campaign hard to introduce the choice of internet service providers, giving students the option to access their university data quota

from their college rooms and working hard to reduce the SDA data rate from 7c to a fairer price!

Mark Smyth - Innovate 08

I'm running for GenSec because I believe in ANUSA and I believe in independent, non-partisan and relevant representation for students. As President of the LSS and a GenRep for ANUSA, I've sat through and run my fair share of meetings and have loved all of the representative work I've undertaken. As GenSec I want to make ANUSA more responsive, accountable and in touch with students through fortnightly newsletters and online discussion boards. I want to make meetings focused on hearing from all representatives and to devote time to genuine policy discussion, not just reports. I want to bring my LSS and ANUSA O Week Director experience to help out with the public face of ANUSA and things like sponsorship. Most of all, I want to put in the hard-yards behind the scenes to streamline organisational bureaucracy, particularly for clubs and societies, to make participation in uni life that bit easier.

Jeremy Chou - Labor Youth

I'd be a great secretary for the student's association because I know all about answering the phone and photocopying. I can also spot a Labor party hack a mile away and know exactly what to say to ensure they'll help sack department or collective meetings. Not that that ever happens. It is also my policy to abolish the departments and create new offices for political climbers, they will be known as Chief High Executive Deputy Secretary, Mighty Lord Assistant to the Deputy Secretary and Grand Wizard Octopus Assistant to the Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. If I have any spare time after making the new offices I will sharpen the pencils and write anonymous fan mail to Kevin Rudd.

TREASURER

WORONI EDITORS

Winnie Cheung -Us

Hi my name is Winnie and I am running for Treasurer of ANUSA with Us. I am keen and energetic and I believe that I have the experience necessary to be able to look after the finances of ANUSA in the post VSU environment.

While ANUSA receives a substantial amount of funding from the ANU to run our necessary services, we have to be able to look to a future where we are financially independent because only a financially independent ANUSA can truly be an independent voice for students.

As Treasurer I will:

- Create a fund raising officer position based upon the model of the student diary editor.
- Look into student operated ventures such as an ANUSA Op-Shop.
- Ensure that Clubs and Societies are viable into the future through GAC
- Maintain funding of the departments at levels that will guarantee their independence.

George Ober- One Campus

I'm from Canberra so I really represent all us locals who grew up wanting to go to the ANU! I'm studying French, Arabic, Japanese and Asian Studies: a combination of courses that allows me to talk to a large array of students and they all want a strong SA!

But our Students' Association can't be the all-welcoming association we want it to be without sound financial management. As a Liberal, I'll be sure to act conservatively with your money. It's about being financial accountable and constantly watching the bottom line.

'One Campus' is also for equality and this extends to our fiscal management. We vow to spend all money equally; that is, that we will allot money on a needs basis. It's about time that the Treasurer was held accountable after years of coughing up for interest groups.

Our current Treasurer predicts a

deficit for the next year and this can only be avoided if a financially conservative, economically sound Treasurer is elected. I am that candidate and I'm your 'One Campus' Candidate for Treasurer. That's why we promise no outlandish promises.

Alex Raf - Innovate 08

I believe I am the best candidate for this position for two reasons: my involvement and my ideas. Over the last two years I have consistently contributed to the work that ANUSA does in making university life enjoyable and equitable.

I have also been the Treasurer of Flinders University SA, Chair of the Flinders Union Board and I am the current Treasurer of the Burgmann Residents' Association. From these experiences I have the skills to run an accountable and effective budget that turns-over more than \$500 000. From my involvement in the Youth Climate Coalition I am to prepare carbon-offset budgets and use triple-bottom-line accounting. If elected in 08 I would introduce the INNOVATEive carbon-offset budget. Develop an effective sponsorship scheme. Revitalise existing revenue streams whilst ensuring that access remains equitable. And invest in the ANU community - to ensure our money is spent on things we want and need

Lisa Qin - Labor Youth

Fiscal responsibility. Labor. Don't those two ideas just fit together perfectly in your head? Of course, the university doesn't really have interest rates or inflation for us to screw up, but we do have plenty of money to distribute to the right kinds of clubs and societies and there's always the chance of slipping the odd "Thanks Kevin" gift to the man upstairs.

Tully and Rob

Independent Group B (A Woroni Worth Reading)

We're true believers in the role good student media can play in bringing a university community together and, like many ANU students, we think Woroni can do a better job. That's why we're seeking your endorsement to create a New Woroni. We're both published writers, experienced editors and avid periodical fans and we love original thinking and style. Like *The New Yorker*, *The New Yorker* we imagine will blend the local and the universal, the hilarious with the intelligent and the arty with the academic. We have developed a sound new business model for Woroni which includes: publishing fortnightly (as in past years) to make it more relevant; creating a new interactive online edition to make Woroni more accessible and modern; and reimbursing our best student columnists, satirists and artists for their work to ensure regular quality content. We've done the sums and we can offset this new cost by publishing more often (but with fewer pages) and by reducing excessive use of colour. We want Woroni to be a publication that respects your sense of intelligence as well as your sense of humour - something we all look forward to. Vote for the New Woroni: A Woroni Worth Reading!

Dan Glover and Ben Pynt -

Independent Group A (Woroni 2008You Beautayyyy!!!)

Dan Glover and Ben Pynt have been closely affiliated with the Woroni Eds for the past two years and believe that they can keep student politicians accountable at the same time as keeping you amused in those boring West Indies Microeconomics tutes. While we will not offer a plethora of opinions on the situation in Basra by 2nd year IR students, we will offer you articles with insight into the human condition (or at least that of a uni student) and articles that engage with current events shaping your lives on campus. A key project is to keep regular columns and the content light and humorous but not trashy in a Britney's downstairs hair kind of way. Vote 1 Danny Glover and Benny Pynt for Woroni 2008

SOCIAL OFFICER

Adam Brodie-McKenzie - Us Candidate

I want to make your university experience the best time of your life. The Social Officer runs O Week, Bush Week and Clubs and Societies. So if the Social Officer is crap, your uni experience won't be all it could be. I won't be crap. After 6 years of university, including being editor of Woroni, director of Law Revue and running 3 Scavenger Hunts, I've learnt a few things. One of those things is how to have a good time. The SA should be the lifeblood of the university community not the core of its apathy. VSU is no excuse. I will run O Week and Bush Week at a profit and make sure they're damn cheap for you guys. I will enhance rather than cripple clubs and societies. Most importantly I will make sure we're having fun. So come on people, let Us get the party started!

Candice Burch - One Campus

I am currently studying Economics/ Arts (Political Science), whilst living at Fenner Hall. I am originally from Sydney, and have had a lot of previous leadership experience. Social events are an important part of campus life and I am committed to improving all of the social activities run throughout the year by the ANUSA. This would include bigger and better Orientation and Bush Weeks in 2008, and increased integration of these activities with those of the ANU Halls and Colleges. I will work towards improvements

in the options available at SA BBQ's (i.e vegetarian), and an increased number of smaller SA social activities held throughout 2008, such as themed parties and bar nights. Furthermore, I will aim to get a fairer funding scheme in place for the ANU Clubs and Societies, and include C&S social events on the SA website and noticeboard. Under my leadership, the ANUSA social team will become much more active on campus, enhancing the social lives of all students willing to involve themselves.

Sham Sara - Innovate 08

There are so many great ideas floating around for making ANU a better place socially! Students want O-Week to be both successful and accessible for all. We want ANUSA to take an innovative stance on the events they hold. Most of all we want university life to be complimented by a diverse range of social events throughout the year! I'm a ressie at Johns who strongly believes in the idea of representation for students on all levels. After a year of living on Campus at ANU, I've learned the ins and outs of the University's social going-ons as well as being involved in College sports and arts. I'm running for Social Officer on the Innovate for 08 ticket because I am genuinely excited about delivering on all the great ideas that the team has for ANU to Get Social in 08!

WOMENS OFFICER

Liz Beaton - Collective Endorsed

Those who've been there in the past are equipped for the future. That's why I'm running for Women's Officer 2008. Having worked hard for the department all year, I understand what's needed, and this is why the collective have chosen me as the Collective Endorsed Candidate this year.

The women's department looks after the rights and representation of women on campus. This involves a broad variety of activities, from providing information on sexual health and campaigning against violence, to organising events such as Women In Politics forum, Women in Education week, and many more. This year I've enjoyed working in all these areas, as well as running the women's literature group on campus and editing the handbook.

A vote for me will help save your women's department from falling into the hands of factions and political groups. Other contenders have a grand total of 'zero' involvement in the department.

Vote for the candidate who will put you first all year - not just in election week.

Sarah Sloan - Innovate 08

Hello, my name is Sarah Sloan. I am a second year Asian Studies (Japanese)/ Laws student and I'm passionate about women's issues and women's advocacy. I love my volunteer work at the women's legal centre and want to be more involved! I recognize that I am an 'outsider' as I was not previously involved with the Women's Collective, but to be honest - I did not even know it existed! As soon as I heard about the collective I went to the next meeting and I will continue to attend meetings regardless of election results. More than anything I want to expand the collective so that all women on campus, who, like me, had no idea about the collective, can become involved in, and utilize the collective to its full potential. I think that because I have an 'outsider's' perspective, I will be better able to do this!

SEXUALITY OFFICER

ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Marina Salas - Innovate 08

My hopes for the Sexuality Department of 2008 are foremost to continue to make sure that the voices of sexual minorities on campus are heard and valued. The Department was created specifically to advance and protect the interests of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex students at uni. Born from ideals of eliminating discrimination and intolerance, therefore, I hope to see the SexDep of '08 reaching out to include all sexually active students at ANU. Diverse sexual groups - particularly for bisexuals - are often connected, after all. My aims are to rekindle awareness of the importance of safe sex, to provide a mouthpiece for the sexually marginalised, to reject sexual xenophobia, and to lay a fertile ground for open discussion. Sexuality affects everyone - young, older, men, women, gays, straights and all of us in between. I hope to see the Department proliferating in 2008, celebrating sexuality as a whole.

Rebecca Leighton - Collective Endorsed Candidate

I am running for Sexuality Officer because I believe that queer students on campus need an independent voice who is prepared to represent them, not some political faction. I have been actively involved in the queer community on campus for several years, and was president of Jellybabies in 2006, so I've had the experience to know the Sexuality Department well and know what can be done better in future. If I am elected this year, I have a number of priorities for expanding the activities of the department; among them running more and more varied events, initiating a new broad sexual health campaign, expanding and improving the Ally Program in the halls and colleges and actively seeking out fundraising and sponsorship opportunities to ensure the department continues to be funded into the future. Forget the factions - vote collective endorsed in '08 and retain an independent voice on the SA.

Harrison Palmer - One Campus

We can all be more efficient and greener in our daily lives. As a Sydney-sider doing Asian Studies I am for a systematic, pragmatic approach to affective environmentally friendly solutions for the Australian National University. While instigating the use of recycled paper in all university printers and photocopiers will be the first achievement upon election, further challenges lay over the horizon. And, in the spirit of affective solutions, these challenges will be met by a proactive Environment Department set on a conjoined effort with the ANU Green. I understand well the pitfalls of disunity in the face of mutual challenges to the environment, and hence am determined to work together with ANU Green. Thus, on a combined front, the Environment Department will be determined towards making a greener campus that will, in practice as much in results, make a shining model for communities nation wide.

Sarah Vann-Sander - Innovate 08

My name is Sarah Vann-Sander. My life, my university experience, my future is dedicated to ensuring the future of the Environment. My main policy is to plant the foundations and create a Greenhouse Neutral Student Association that will last beyond the elected student association of 2008. With the world facing dangerous Climate Change, it is so important that the Environment Department is stronger and more active than it has ever been. We will invest in the solar fund, create a Carbon budget and have agreed to work hand-in-hand with ANU-Green and other Environmental societies. We will not stop there - but also bring forth organic initiatives, lobby departments for more environmental courses and work with Woroni to give voice to the most important issue we're facing; the state of our environment. By uniting all students from ANU and all student bodies across the globe, we will create environmental awareness.

Bec Norman - Collective Endorsed

My name is Bec Norman. I am in my second year Science degree, with majors in Geology and Chemistry. I have always had a passion for the environment and have been a collective member since the beginning of this year. I strongly believe that to create a stronger environment movement, groups across Canberra need to become connected and have acted on this this year through the creation of the Canberra Alliance. The alliance brought together over ten environment groups who are now building strong links and sharing resources. I would like to continue building this alliance and facilitating its growth over the next year.

Also, I would like to continue raising awareness and encouraging discussion by facilitating a regular publication, as well as organising workshops and lectures, and an Environment Week where students can learn, share ideas and have a great time. For a stronger department and environment, vote 1 for Bec Norman

Robert Summers - Labor Youth

If you really care about the environment you'll realise that voting for some op-shop beanie wearing collective nobody is only going to make the trees lose hope and die. If you want anything done, you need strong federal policy and no gag reflex. Only federal Labor has the guts to set meaningful emissions targets and protect old growth forests. Of course, they won't do those things, but how better to voice your approval for policies that deep down inside you're not willing to face the consequences of than voting for them in an irrelevant student election?

EDUCATION OFFICER

Ben Adams – One Campus

I'm an Arts/Law student living in Burgmann College, originally from the western districts of Victoria. I have experienced the best and worst of student leadership across three universities. I have seen what I like and I've seen what I hate. And what I hate is a campus with a weak Education department.

When elected I will fight for true equality across campus. I will fight against academic bias so students can say and write what they believe without fear of academic penalty. I will fight to prevent any further drops in tertiary entrance scores. And I will fight to make sure international students get a fair go at ANU and are given the language support they need. Under my leadership the Education department will return to the roots upon which it was created. It will be the place for student activism. It will be the place that stands up for your rights on campus.

Anya Aidman Innovate 08

Hey, I'm Anya and I'm running for Education Officer because I think that it's about time that the Ed Department became more than just about organising protests. I think that it is important for the Education Officer to have a close involvement with NUS; however, it is equally as important to focus on ANU-specific education issues. I think it is crucial for the Education Officer to be closely liaising with the ANUSA executive on issues relating to student access to and quality of education. Areas that I am particularly keen to work on are a laptop leasing scheme; the establishment of universal marking guidelines through the establishment of a working group concerning marking systems across the faculties; and comprehensively addressing the equitable access to educational

resources in the form of lecture recording and/ or online summary provision, especially for compulsory and core courses. I believe that the Ed Department has a vital role to play in setting the tone of ANUSA's advocacy efforts on students behalf and if elected am committed to building a bigger and stronger Ed Department.

Matt Byrne Collective Endorsed

I'm Matt Byrne and I am running as the Collective Endorsed candidate for Education Officer.

Over the last 2 years the Education Department has been through a rough time due to VSU, neglect and a high turnover of Officers. This year has been an attempt to rebuild the department and I have dedicated my time as a General Representative of ANUSA to try to do this. I want to continue this work in 2008 and I need you to vote for me so that this department can once again be at the forefront of student advocacy.

As Education officer in 2008 I aim to:

- Rebuild the Collective
- Run campaigns that focus on the issues that affect your education e.g housing, poverty and learning conditions
- Work with the other Departments in ANUSA to provide the representation that you deserve

In August please come out and vote for Collective Endorsed

Labor Youth – John Shellard:

Since the Education Department does absolutely nothing regardless of who runs it, you might as well elect me. Firstly, I won't try to run rallies or abuse you with a loudspeaker. Secondly, I'm not a socialist (since we all know how well that

went last time – don't say the joke ticket didn't warn you), and better yet, I'm not a retarded socialist. At least if you elect me I'll get promoted in the Labor Party and I'll have the chance to be ignored directly by a federal government, rather than the equally effective but less direct ignoring that happens now.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Kevin Kim Innovate 08

Hi, I am Kevin Kim - with innovate 08 - running for international student officer position. I have studied in Great Britain and in Australia for past 8 years. International Student Department and a newly found department of SA, and I feel it focuses itself too much on events than it should be. This is one of the many reasons I am running for the position. As a department, it should be the voice of international students on the vital policies and issues. If elected, I will try to be more policy minded, as officer of Student Association should be. I will push for further cap on international fee in accordance with ever strengthening Australian dollar. I will work hard for the proper and safe "accommodation guarantee" for international students. With faculty reps, I will try to improve our exchange program.

Junde Li - Collective endorsed

Hi! I am Junde Li from Singapore. I am undertaking my third year of studies in Bachelor of Actuarial Studies/Commerce. International students are currently paying tuition fees with increases capped at no more than 5% per year. This is epitome of the efforts of an ex-International Students' Officer. Similarly, I hope to represent your voice as the upcoming International Students' Officer.

With a diverse representation of cultures and nationalities in ANU, it is important to cultivate a sense of community, bridging any gaps through the facilitating of cultural and information exchange between international students and the general student population. Hence, I believe previous engagements with student bodies may be helpful.

Having been President to the Singapore Students' Association (SSA) for the past year, I have reaped immense experience from the frequent event planning and execution, liaising with external organizations and the handling of unforeseen circumstances. The hosting of numerous social events has been a source of invaluable lessons, providing me an insight to making ANU a friendlier environment for international students.
[ed - This has been shortened, full text available on website]

For the full debate on the challenging of the collectives and the candidate statements for the two Independent Faculty Reps go to
www.woroni.com

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

**Janet Mills, Kacey Lam,
Genevieve Auld, Daniel Dijs,
Tim Caddey, Julia Collin,
Miriam Dunn, Mark Shew,
Rachel Thompson, Amie
Milligan, Shannon Sutton, Emily
Kerr, Andrew Leary and Elinor
Jean -Us**

Why Us? As students we (Us) face the same challenges as you do, everyday. Us represents the wide variation of the undergraduate population. Our candidates are locals as well as residents of the halls and colleges. They are international students and domestic students and are enrolled in all faculties and fields of study. Us is for all of us.

These candidates have come together because they share a belief in a Students' Association that is a strong and independent advocate for students that is responsive to their needs and that works to create a University that is more than just a place to study and get a degree. All of Us believe that, in a post-VSU environment, ANUSA needs to be re-invented in order to stay relevant and stay strong. To survive ANUSA cannot give in to VSU by slashing and burning its services and cutting back its presence on campus.

Instead it must find new and better ways to engage students and provide the services they need. ANUSA must work to build a sense of community on campus. It must become a more effective provider of services while acting as a conduit to existing services within the wider Canberra community. ANUSA must find new sources of funding that ensure it can remain viable and independent and it must do all this while being more accountable, more transparent and more representative of all students.

Welfare & Support

A key role of ANUSA is to provide support and advocacy to undergraduate students. Us will better promote the services ANUSA already provides such as the legal and welfare offices. By forming partnerships with other organisations Us will create an ANUSA that is a gateway to pre-existing social and welfare services, working with them to provide easy access to

their help on campus.

Community: On a campus as large as this it is important that ANUSA foster a shared sense of place. Us sees the diverse range of communities that exist within the halls and colleges, clubs and societies and will work with and support these communities while creating new ways for them to come together. O-Week and Bush Week alone are not enough. Us will work with the Union and the University to bring all of us more events, more ways to get involved and more ways to have fun. Us will create a vibrant campus that is more than just a place to study.

Representation & Advocacy: ANUSA is for all of us. It is the representative body and main advocate for ANU students both on campus and in the community. Us is all about providing the most effective representation for students. This means creating an ANUSA that is an effective first point of call whenever any of us face difficulties or need advice. Us will achieve this chiefly through reform of the Faculty Representative Council so that in every class there is an ANUSA affiliated representative for students to go to. Us will also safeguard and support the Departments and their important representative, welfare and advocacy roles..

For ANUSA to be an effective advocate and service provider it must also be financially independent. Fundraising is a top priority for all of Us and we will create a new position responsible for finding new sources of income. The position of Fundraising Officer will be modelled on that of the Student Diary editor in that they will be directly elected by students and will be financially rewarded for their efforts.

Anthony Barhoush – One Campus'

Originally from Tamworth I now live at B&G Hall studying my second year of an Economics/Commerce degree. College Internet rates are overpriced and thus, studying in your room can become a costly experience. If elected I intend, with the help of One Campus, on fighting for fair

college Internet rates.

Ashley Millstead – One Campus'

I'm a Finance student living at B&G, originally from Canberra. As a general representative I will work to fix the situation of overpriced internet in colleges, and push for ANUSA to run more social events throughout the year, rather than focusing solely on O-week and Bush week.

Kelly McIntyre – One Campus

I'm a Commerce student living it up at Burgmann College. I originally hail from Narromine in the wild west of NSW and have boarded for the last 6 years in Sydney. I particularly want to promote the interests of students by eliminating academic bias and introducing more environmentally sustainable practices to ANU.

Mitch Strachan – One Campus

I'm a Law/Commerce student living in B&G. I am originally from Southern Victoria. I have been a member of a number of representative youth bodies, including the National Youth Council. As a General Representative, I will work to integrate ANUSA 2008 O-Week activities with those held by Halls and colleges.

Sheena Sundberg – One Campus

I'm an Arts/Law student living at Burgmann College, originally from western Sydney. As a general representative, I will be committed to helping put our policies into action through the SRC. I have strong views about eliminating academic bias across the ANU, and lobbying for the introduction of blind marking.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jessica Gilroy Innovate 08

Hi, I'm Jess and I study Art History. I want to get involved in ANUSA because I think we need to make it more visible and in-tune with what students are after. I really want to focus on making uni as much of a social experience as it is an academic one!

Max Ginpil Innovate 08

Hi I'm Max and I'm studying Statistics and Philosophy. I've been involved with several clubs and societies this year and I'm the pres of the Philosophy society. I'm really keen to get involved in ANUSA as I think I've got some great ideas to try and make uni life more fun.

Dylan Edwards Innovate 08

Hey, I'm Dylan, I live at Fenner and I'm a second year Finance/Law student. I've been really involved with the LSS this year and have some great ideas about how to make ANUSA bigger, better and more utilised by students in general. I'm specifically interested in faculty issues in areas of student advocacy and quality and accessibility of educational resources.

Ben Nixon Innovate 08

Hi I'm Ben, I live at Ursies and I'm studying IR. I want to get involved in ANUSA because I think that it's about time that resses and the rest of uni began to function as one cohort. I think it's important to increase awareness about ANUSA's services and ANUSA in general.

Kate Ottrey Innovate 08

Hi, I'm Kate, I'm a ressie at Burgmann and I hail from Ballarat. I really want to get involved in ANUSA because I want to work on improving accessibility and assistance for Student Exchange, work with the Womens Department on initiatives for womens safety on campus, and raise awareness about the SA in general.

Steve Wenzel Innovate 08

Hi, my name's Steve and I want to get involved with the SA to ensure that College interests are adequately represented. I've been Bruce pres this year I think it is important to work toward a creation of a greater sense of university community. Social events as well as other initiatives should be explored to engage and unite resses with the broader ANU community, and the SA has an integral part to play in this.

Gus Skinner Innovate 08

Hi I'm Gus, I'm at BnG and I want to get involved with the SA because I think its important for ANUSA to build links with the halls and colleges. About me, I play soccer for ANU and study arts/law. I think that its important to ressie voices to be heard and will work hard to represent students on college issues if elected.

Nicky Vreugdenhill Innovate 08

I'm Nicky and I'm a first year from Bergmann. I rally want to get involved with ANUSA next year because I think I have a lot of fresh ideas and unfettered (1st year) enthusiasm! I've been heavily involved in UNYA this year and I feel strongly about student advocacy. If I get elected, I'll be working hard to represent

the halls and colleges and the greater ANU student body.

Michael Jones Innovate 08

Hey all. I'm MJ, I was a gen rep this year and I found it to be a very rewarding experience, so I'm putting my hand up again. This year I am pres of social inter-hall committee and am keen to get back into ANUSA and get stuck into some serious college issues..

Jess Lee Innovate 08

Hey guys, I'm running for a General Representative on the Innovate ticket as a college kid who is eager to get in involved in what the university has to offer. I want ANUSA and college life to exist smoothly together with increased communication and understanding of what ANUSA has to offer everyone!

Lindsay Hermes Innovate 08

Hi my name is Lindsay Clarence Norfolk Hermes and I am a third year Arts (International Relations) student. In case you were wondering, Clarence was my Grandad's name and I was born on Norfolk Island! I am running as a General Representative to help give students a voice within the ANU, and if elected I will do my best to represent your interests

Jo McIntosh Innovate 08

I'm Jo McIntosh, and I am studying a Bachelor of Arts. I'd like to be a Gen Rep because I am committed to getting the Spice Girls to include the ANU on their World Tour. On a more serious note, as your Gen Rep, I will work hard to improve student safety and welfare on campus.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Alex Naughton Innovate 08

I'm a third year arts-science student who's passionate about giving halls and college residents an independent voice to the University. I've sat on the Interhall Presidents' Council this year and want to see the concerns and ideas of that Council put into action. Residents need better representation and I'll do that!

Martha Piper Innovate 08

My name's Martha and I'm currently in my second year of a Development Studies degree. As a member of the Residents Association at Ursies, I'm looking forward to being involved in ANUSA and heightening uni life / college interaction. I intend to promote greater presence of college life at university events.

Clare Curnow - Labour Youth

Hi guys, I'm Clare, a 2nd year Arts-IR student. If I'm elected I'll represent your concerns at the Students' Association. Of course, I don't know what they are, but who ever heard of running for a position with some kind of plan or vision? Instead, I'd rather make a poxy effort at pretending to find out what you all want and then making irrelevant additions to debates to slow them down. After all, if the Students' Association actually DID something then people might care about it and then someone competent might get elected in my place.

Dan Griffiths - Labour Youth

Hey guys, I'm Dan. As a prominent Labor Party hack once said to me, when you're in opposition and you're trying to win office, sometimes you need to make sacrifices, like your honesty, dignity, integrity and

your firstborn child. I'm ready to make those sacrifices in order to win office in the Students' Association, but

Giles Thomson - Labour Youth

For years I've been hiding my Labor support out of fear that I'd never be allowed onto one of the many "independent" Labor tickets that have run in the past. Now that Labor Youth is running I'm finally free to embrace my Labor heritage on campus. I'd like to start an amnesty for any other closet Labor members who are stifling their love of the party within other independent tickets on campus. We won't tease you about you Julia Gillard lunchbox, your Paul Keating inspirational poster or that fake Bob Hawke wig you keep at home for your "special time". Come out and be proud: Jamila, Ben, Madeleine, Maiy, Alex, Winnie, Sham, Adam, Michael, Mark, Anya, Matt, Kevin, Junde, Sarah, Marina, and all your dear little general and faculty representative candidates - be the Labor candidate you've always wanted to be and join Labor Youth for a better 2008.

Alistair Cody - Labour Youth

I'd like to make it clear, I'm not from Labor Youth, I'm from the Young Left Labor Labor Youth Party. It has the word Labor in it twice, which makes it twice as Labor as these traitors in the Labor Youth. Anyway, I figured I'd get on board a unified Labor ticket because "unified" really means lots and lots of lovely infighting and intrigue. There's nothing I like more digging that shiny dagger in between my best friend's shoulderblades, and watching his precious blood bubble and drip out over my quivering fingers. Yeah baby, yeah!

Simon Copland & Stevan Tao - US

We're Stevan Tao, 2nd year Psychology and Simon Copland, 2nd year Forestry. Unlike previous science representatives, we are confident that we will effectively advocate for students when issues arise. By ensuring all students and lecturers know who we are and understand that we are the first point of call, rather than being token representatives on Science board meetings. We will also work on the board and with lecturers to achieve overall anonymous marking, lecture taping, provision of reading bricks, greater access to computers and IT support. Our main objective is to ensure your voices are heard within the Science Faculty.

Phil Jacksa Innovate 08

Hi I'm Phil, I'm second year and I'm studying Med Science. I've been really involved with Oaktree this year and I'm also a worshiper of the ANU Sport and Rec. I want to get involved with ANUSA because I think I've got some good ideas and that student involvement is what keeps unis the buzzing hubs that they are.

Andrew Brickhill Innovate 08

After living in college for 3 years I am keen to spread my wings, meet new people and represent all other self-confessed science nerds on campus. I am studying in the SRES faculty, however I'm keen to get involved and help out, not only in the areas of science.

FACULTY OF LAW

Angela Van & Andrew Chou - US

We're Andrew Chou and Angela Van, 2nd year law students, and we're running for Law Faculty reps for 2008. Firstly we will establish a means of direct communication between the College and students - providing EVERYONE with access to message boards, emails and up to date contact details. We will ensure students' opinions regarding Means of Assessment aren't just simply considered but that real change results. We will advocate for lecturers to provide slides/notes before class and that lecture recordings are offered for all classes. Make Us your first point of call. Vote Us and "demand a better future."

Shiara Samarasinghe Innovate 08

Hi, I'm Shiara, and I'm running for law fac rep because I want to make sure that ANUSA reps are more involved in the faculty and that they are known to students as well. I've been really involved with the LSS this year as Social Officer, and I think I have a lot of great ideas about how to make ANUSA and its reps more relevant and accessible to students.

Tom Galvin Innovate 08

Hi, my name's Tom and I'm running for law fac because I think it's important for ANUSA reps to be more active in advancing law students issues. About me, I've played cricket for ANU and been involved in the LSS. I think that at the moment ANUSA fac reps have very little exposure and its important for us to get out there and let students know about

this important resource of assistance and advocacy, represent and awareness and about ANUSA in general.

Sophie Blix - Labor Youth

For too long law students have been exploited and oppressed by the powers that be. The solution? Unionise the law faculty. Only through collective bargaining will we get the conditions we deserve. Only through collective bargaining will we be able to ensure that the faculty can be crippled by strikes and stop-work meetings. Only by unionising will we be able to develop a power-base of corrupt union officials which we can use to rule the world. Vote for me, the only candidate endorsed by Brian Burke in this election. Unite my fellow lawyers - the Howard Government wants to take away your sweet sweet overtime.

Ellie Kirk & Kristina Olney - US

We're Ellie Kirk, third year Sociology/English, and Kristina Olney, second year IR. We are running for Arts Faculty representatives to work with students and the faculty to ensure that students get the best experience when studying arts. We will provide more comprehensive representation through better utilisation of class representatives, through continuing to institute anonymous marking across all disciplines, and we will cater for working students by lobbying to provide for lecture taping and lecture notes being consistently made available. We are Arts students so we want to see a faculty that works with students to provide better education overall.

FACULTY OF ARTS

Duncan McGrath Innovate 08

Hi, I'm Duncan and I study IR and Spanish. You should vote for me for my commitment, independence and ideas. It is my goal to improve the efficiency of administration, representation of student concerns and flexibility of study options within the faculty for every arts student on campus.

Adam Brereton Innovate 08

The Arts Faculty is the most diverse on Campus. I'm a ressie at Bruce who has been involved in the Residents Association, Interhall Committee and arts events. I'm running on the Innovate ticket because I'm keen to branch-out and represent those in my faculty on all levels of student advocacy!

Matt Baillie - Labor Youth

The Arts Faculty has had a long and illustrious relationship with the Labor Party. From the certified 12 graduates who voted Labor first rather than just preferencing us after the Greens in the 2003 election to the endearing "Howard Sux" graffiti etched into countless desks during those long, slow film studies tutorials. This election gives all Arts students a chance to manifest their love for the Labor party in the form of a genuine Labor candidate. Not only will you be abandoning any semblance of representation, you'll be building my resume. A match made in heaven?

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jun Tang & Nathan Smith - US

We are Nathan Smith, 4th year Engineering/Science and Jun, 2nd year IT. As faculty representatives we will act as your first point of call with any issues that you might have. We will advocate for; Lecture recordings, bricks for lecture notes and additional material, exam-like questions to be available for study, discipline specific software packages to become more widely available and available for home use, and better wireless access within the faculty. We will also advocate for you on any issues of concern, from assessment, to marking criteria to specific concerns with lecturers. So for real representation Vote for Us!

Andrew Flint

Innovate 08

Hi, I'm Andrew and I'm running for engineering/IT rep because I think that it's important to work to establish a community within the faculty. I've been involved in the Engineering Society this year, and I think that it is important for students to have more social interaction within the faculty. I want to make sure that students are aware of the advocacy and assistance that fac-reps can provide.

Grace Foo

Innovate 08

My name's Grace and I study Systems Engineering. I'm running because I want to protect the needs of engineering and IT students. I seek to increase the number of female students in the engineering/IT faculty and solicit greater ANUSA funding for social activities within the faculty. I want ANUSA to be better next year!

Maelyn Koo - Independent

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE

Mark Ho & David Mao - US

We're David Mao and Mark Ho and if elected as Economics and Commerce Faculty Representatives we will establish a message board and email system so you may easily contact us directly with any issues. This will be advertised extensively throughout the college, to ensure visibility of ourselves as your representatives. As students we understand some of the difficulties of uni life such as balancing study and work commitments and as such we will strongly advocate for; lecture tapings, more practise questions, real participation in proposed means of assessment, more time for exam viewing and set answer guides.

Mitch Strachan - One Campus

I'm a Law/Commerce student living in B&G, originally from Southern Victoria. I have been a member of a number of representative youth bodies, including the National Youth Council. I have strong views regarding blind marking and maintaining the level of oral English amongst international students, aimed at promoting equity for all.

Veng Huong

Innovate 08

My name's Veng and I'm currently a 2nd year actuarial/economics student. I want to be involved in ANUSA as EcoComm Faculty Rep and if elected, I plan to provide greater access to course consultations, promote lecture recording especially for students with language barriers and reduce intra-faculty lecture clashes.

Saad Hafiz

Innovate 08

Hi, I'm Saad and I'm in my third year of study. I have been a Fac Rep before, and want to do it again to continue improving student services in the Faculty of Commerce and Economics. I am also involved in EKTA - and believe Innovate will deliver for students.

Vijay Nandagiri - Independent

FACULTY OF ASIAN STUDIES

Rachel Chen & Hiroshi "Yoda" Noda - US

Rachel Chen and "Yoda" Noda are 2nd year Asian Studies students running for Asian Studies representatives. Yoda is the current 2007 faculty representative and with Rachel will not only continue the active role of student representation within the faculty and but will also make further improvements for the benefits of all students. These improvements will include; the provision of effective communication and administration system for students, enforcement of effective use of bricks and WebCT for courses with large amounts of reading, implementation of an effective language placement system. So vote for Us if you want hard working and dedicated representation.

Pat Mayoh

Innovate 08

Hi, I'm Paddy Mayoh and doing Asian Studies, studying Chinese. I'm running for Asian Studies Rep to improve efficiency, flexibility and participation within the faculty. Removing HD Quotas, increasing consultation times, improving exchange opportunities and establishing a guest speaker program are a few of my policies to ensure the Faculty will live up to its reputation.

Mariam Hafiz

Innovate 08

Hi I'm Mariam and I'm doing Asian Studies, majoring in Arabic. I've been involved in societies at uni, particularly with EKTA and I've been part of a Youth Symposium this year. I think there is so much to be done within the Asian Studies faculty to create a greater community environment as well as raise awareness of the assistance available to students.

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**Matt Byrne, Simon Copland,
Maiy Azize, Ben Lyons - US**

The National Union of Students is the national advocacy body for University students. Unfortunately it is more well known for its factionalism and nepotism – especially by the Labor Factions. As delegates to the NUS annual conference, 'Us' candidates will seek to end the rubbish and hackery that pervades this organisation.

We think that NUS can be so much more:

- We believe that the NUS should be providing national leadership in Education and Welfare issues.
- We believe that the NUS should be able to coordinate effective national campaigns that aim to raise the profile of student issues on campuses and in the community.
- We believe that the NUS should also be able to work with other organisations across the country to lobby governments about the issues that young people face in our communities everyday.

We will:

- Only vote with our conscience and not partake in binding factions
 - Coordinate with other like-minded delegates from around Australia to attempt to implement change to make NUS more transparent and representative
 - Keep the ACT branch of the NUS accountable and force them to actively engage with all of us at ANU
- It's time to include all of Us in NUS!

**Ashley Millstead – One
Campus**

As an NUS delegate, I will fight for NUS to be an apolitical organization to lobby governments on behalf of students, as opposed to its current form as a partisan

body acting as the mouthpiece for an extreme minority of students.

Ben Adams – One Campus

I'm an Arts/Law student living in Burgmann, originally from the western districts of Victoria. I have fought for my state's interests at the federal level during senior political conferences and have attended three universities during my degree. This experience will allow me to serve you and your interests fairly as a NUS delegate.

Sheena Sundberg - One Campus

I'm an Arts/Law student living at Burgmann College, originally from western Sydney. As an NUS delegate, my experience with fighting for reform at a local level through environmental pressure groups will allow me to better represent and fight for your interests as an ANU student.

**Simone "Kevin" Gubler -Labor
Youth**

If I get accepted for NUS I will run for President of the National Union of Students, so that, if he should lose the federal election, I can offer Kevin the chair as a consolation prize. We have a reciprocal deal. If he wins and I don't I get to lick dirt off his shoes. Wow! Apart from a thin piece of leather (which is just how I like it) my tongue will be just a sock's width away from actual Kevin flesh. Please vote for me, and make me the happiest hack in all the world.

Yi-Hua Lu - Labor Youth

NUS is the perfect forum for students to voice their concerns about the direction of education in Australia. I'm am the perfect person for that forum because I appreciate free food and booze. Not only is

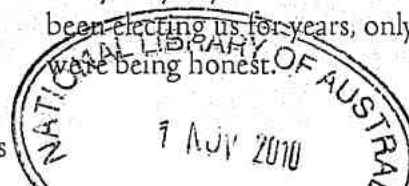
NUS sufficiently in
whatever I like about
it becoming a problem, but a free trip to Melbourne is always appreciated. Really, it's either me or some crazy lefty scumbag with no teeth. How can you eat free food without teeth? It's a waste, as I'm sure you'll agree. Send me to NUS, and I'll represent your apathy perfectly.

John Shellard - Labor Youth

Let's face it. VSU has been a disaster. No longer can the student political elite sponge money out of otherwise useful and legitimate student organisations. Of all the opportunities for diverting funds into party political ends, only NUS remains unsullied. Yes, you might think that rorting the system alienates students and erodes the representative legitimacy of student politics generally. To that I say "Representation! Exciting! Fresh voices! Approachable! Innovate!" and all the other things that usually work to make people like you vote for me.

Lisa Qin - Labor Youth

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell everybody out there that they can't avoid voting for the Labor Party, 'Innovate' are Labor Right, and 'Us' are affiliated with Labor Left, so unless you vote for "One Campus" who are a bunch off Young Liberal brownnosed scumbags, you will elect a Labor government. Since you're going to have vote for Labor candidates (unless of course you don't vote at all, heaven forbid) you might as well vote for the honest ones. We are telling it like it is. Yes, we're the Labor Party. Yes, we're independent. No, we don't think there's a conflict of interest between being a Labor ticket and being independent of the Labor Party. Anyway, it doesn't matter, you've been electing us for years, only this time we're being honest.



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